(*a*) the circumstances under which a member of the Cochin Legislative Council returned for Mattancheri in the last General Election was unseated; and

(*b*) the circumstances which led to his being allowed to stand for re-election?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) The Election Commissioners held that the election was vitiated by corrupt practices.

(*b*) The candidate's nomination paper was accepted by the Returning Officer.

COCHIN HARBOUR—IMPORTS

128. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will the Government be pleased to state what are the chief articles imported into the State through the Harbour?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Grains and pulse, kerosene, petrol and other oils, Coal, Sugar, Machinery, and Cement are the chief articles of import at the Cochin Harbour.

BRANCH ANCHAL MASTERS—ALLOWANCE AND WORK—PARTICULARS REGARDING.

129. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the grade or grades of allowance paid to the branch Anchal Masters;

(*b*) the reasons for the disparity in allowance to the branch Anchal Masters;

(*c*) whether any special allowance is paid to branch Anchal Masters working within the town limits;

(*d*) whether any representations have been received by the Government to enhance their allowance to Rs. 10;

(*e*) whether the Government are aware that the allowance of branch Anchal Masters in Travancore is Rs. 10?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) There are 4 grades viz., 10, 8, 7 and 6.

(*b*) The allowance is generally fixed with reference to the income and volume of work in the office.

(*c*) No kind of special allowance is paid.

(*d*) There are representations from some branch Anchal Masters for increased allowance.

(*e*) Yes.

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